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Vicki Brooker photo

Members of the F. G. Miller Class of 2009 are, in alphabetical order: Tyrell Appleton, Marissa Bader, Chevy Botting, Kent Boyko, Matthew Boyko, James Braga, Katja Brand (in memory), Tyson Bristow, Alex Buck, Brittany Bzowy, Colin Calliou, Victor Caron, Laryssa Cochrane, Brandon Condon, Megan Derewynka, Samantha Dion-McFeeters, Garrett Duffee, Lori-Ann Durocher, Skye Durocher, Kalum Fedirko, Matthew Ference, Ashley Garrett, Katrina Heagy, Levi Henry, Billy Hudy, Cody Ironeagle, Warren Jurak, Nicole Kalynchuk, Gabriel Kondla, Jordan Krankowsky, Andrea Lee, Jacob Magosse, Nicoleen Marsh, Mindy Meger, Kurtis Morris, John Munro, Robyn Ockerman, Tyson Ockerman, Cathy Olstad, Tavis Pfeifer, Jason Proskiw, John Schmitt, Corey Smereka, Jeremy Smereka, Matt Tymofichuk, Ashley Wowk. More photos, Page 12

FGM Class of 2009 shoots for the moon

"Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you'll land among the stars."

That was the chosen theme for F. G. Miller High School's Class of 2009, which held its Farewell Ceremonies on Saturday evening at the Elk Point Allied Arts and Leisure Centre.

Master of ceremonies and former classmate Eric Mosley introduced "the best and most memorable group of kids I've ever known" as they entered the hall to 30-second sound clips each had chosen, with the first clip dedicated to their late classmate, Katja Brand, who died in a vehicle crash last September.

FGM Principal Colin Bjorkman said the class has made history by being the school's first class to ever hold their grad other than in the school, and for having the largest decorations ever – an immense '2009' silhouette that formed the backdrop for the class. Another first was the choice of processional music, he said. "When I graduated from this school 17 years ago, I tried to get my class to walk up to an AC/DC song, but they wouldn't go for it."

Bjorkman told the class he hoped they "were able to make positive relationships, sharpen your critical thinking skills and gained appreciation for learning at this school." He thanked grad advisor Cheri Lindquist for her efforts and his Math 31 class for "being my sanity time during the year."

Former FGM French teacher Lily Pentek gave the invocation, and reminded the class, "Anything is possible. Believe in yourself and you will succeed." "This whole graduation thing is scary," valedictorian Nicole Kalynchuk said, "but it's pretty exciting. I can't believe we're graduating and going our separate ways. It's mind-boggling. We may not see each other until our class reunion, and the guys are going to come back in 10 years and be bald."

Kalynchuk said she has learned "many lessons, including one this year, to do what's right for me. I'm going to college, then to university if I want to further my studies." She joked that the Magic School Bus cartoons "are filled with valuable information I've used in my classes."

Kalynchuk thanked the teachers who "pushed and shoved us through. You're going to miss us. We're adorable." She thanked her classmates, with whom she "suffered losses and celebrated victories," and said, "I hope we all stay in touch."

Fishing Lake Métis Settlement employment education coordinator Dawn Deschamps and Fishing Lake Settlement council member Ross Daniels presented students from their community, Lori-Ann Durocher, Skye Durocher, Colin Calliou and Cody Ironeagle with traditional Métis sashes and gifts.

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FGM Class of 2009 qualifies for numerous scholarships and awards

The recipients of merit pins, awards and scholarships were announced as part of the Class of 2009 ceremonies on Saturday, June 27. They are:

Marissa Bader – Applied Math 30 merit pin
Chevy Botting – Social Studies 33 merit pin
Matthew Boyko - Social Studies 33 merit pin
James Braga - Social Studies 33 merit pin, McFadyen Trades Scholarship, Top Social Studies 30-2 mark
Tyson Bristow – Steve Kuziw Memorial Award, Timmy Quinney Memorial Award, Top Grade 12 Male Sportsmanship Award, Top Physical Education 30 mark
Alexander Buck - Social Studies 30 merit pin, Top Social Studies 30-1 mark, Top Music 30 mark
Laryssa Cochrane – Top Grade 12 Female Athlete Award
Brandon Condon – Applied Math 30 merit pin
Megan Derewynka – French 30 merit pin, The Joy of Learning Scholarship, C. J. Petroleum Personal Achievement Award, SPAN Award.
Skye Dion-McFeeters – English 30-2 merit pin, Dr. K. C. Miller English 30-2 Award
Garrett Duffee – Social Studies 33 merit pin
Matthew Ference – Buffalo Resources Corp. Scholarship
Ashley Garrett – Biology 30 merit pin, Elk Point and District Lions Club Award
Levi Henry – Applied Math 30 merit pin
Billy Hudy – McFadyen Trades Scholarship
Warren Jurak – English 30-2 merit pin
Nicole Kalynchuk – French 30 merit pin, Biology 30 merit pin, Chemistry 30 merit pin, Physics 30 merit pin, English 30-1 merit pin, Math 30 merit pin, Social Studies 30-1 merit pin, John N. Braga Epitomic Student Award, Barrie Wayne McFadyen Memorial Scholarship, Top English 30-1 mark.
Gabriel Kondla – Social Studies 33 merit pin
Andrea Lee - Social Studies 33 merit pin
Nicoleen Marsh – Top Art 30 mark
Mindy Meger – Applied Math 30 merit pin, Top Applied Math 30 mark
Kurtis Morris – English 30-2 merit pin, Pure Math 30 merit pin, Social Studies 33 merit pin, Chemistry 30 merit pin, Physics 30 merit pin, Dr. K. C. Miller English 30-2 Award
Robyn Ockerman – Biology 30 merit pin, Ila and Max Borowsky Scholarship, County of St. Paul Award
Tyson Ockerman – Pure Math 30 merit pin, Social Studies 33 merit pin, Chemistry 30 merit pin, Biology 30 merit pin
Tavis Pfeifer – Social Studies 33 merit pin
John Schmitt – Top Grade 12 Male Athlete
Corey Smereka – Chemistry 30 merit pin, Biology 30 merit pin
Jeremy Smereka – Pure Math 30 merit pin, Math 31 merit pin, Elmer Bjornstad Scholarship, Top Pure Math 30 mark, Top Math 31 mark
Matthew Tymofichuk – Social Studies 33 merit pin
Ashley Wowk - Biology 30 merit pin

The Bespalko/Sribney Scholarship, Dr. Anne Wiegerinck Scholarship, Apple Drugs, Kudu and CCS awards will be announced at the fall ceremonies.

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F. G. Miller's Class of 2009 shoots for the moon

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Frog Lake First Nations School Board chair Melvin Abraham explained the Cree tradition of presenting eagle feathers as a sign of accomplishment in life. "It's a significant time for two young men in this class," he said, calling Tyson Bristow and Billy Hudy forward to receive their feathers. "The eagle is there to guide you through life. Soar with the eagle," he advised.

Glenda Bristow, program coordinator with St. Paul Education Regional Division No. 1, made a similar presentation on behalf of Kehewin Cree Nation to Skye Dion-McFeeters.

Patrick Rivard, Assistant Superintendent with SPERD, told the class some important events had happened on June27 in years gone by, and said, "you have something in common with those people. They were ordinary people who shot for the moon. Become extraordinarily good at what you do, and dream big."

SPERD Board chairman Darrell Younghans compared the Class of 2009's 13-word grad theme with his own class' four-word theme, "We have just begun." "Grad themes seem to be getting longer, but when I think about it, it may be a direct comparison on how much more academic knowledge the grads of today leave high school with, and how much more demanding the curriculum has become.

"Starting Monday morning, you will take these academic skills and the life skills you have learned in the past 17 or 18 years and start a new chapter in your life. Starting next week, you are out of high school and the societal responsibilities that come with that, fall squarely on your shoulders. School has given you the academic tools you need, your family has instilled in you the life values and moral tools you need to shoulder these responsibilities successfully. It is up to you what you do with these tools and what sort of society you will shape in years to come. You and you alone are responsible for your choices and actions, but don't let that responsibility smother you. Balance your decisions with your beliefs and shoot for the moon, because you are all stars and we are privileged to be among you."

Robyn Ockerman and Chevy Botting gave the class history, each student coming forward to receive congratulations from Younghans. The pair's final tribute was to Katja Brand, "our Students Union president, and a best friend. She left her mark on all of us." Ramona Brand came on stage to accept a gift from the class in memory of her sister.

Megan Derewynka, Laryssa Cochrane and Marissa Bader gave the class message, Derewynka thanking the teachers, who were "all great in your own way", the grad advisor, Principal Bjorkman and the teaching assistants. Cochrane added thanks to the parents for their patience "since we were tipsy toddlers. Thank you for letting us follow our dreams and for always being there to guide us." Bader thanked the community for their contributions through the years. "You turned us into mature adults ready to go out into the world, you gave us encouraging words in our time of loss."

The three presented gifts to the MC, Madame Pentek, grad treasurer Margaret White and grad advisor Cheri Lindquist.

"Education is not preparation for life, it is life itself," Lindquist quoted. "After 20 years, you'd think I would have this down pat. The 'Class of..,' coordinator's job is never the same. This is the first class to have their ceremony here, the first in over 20 years to have 45 participants, the first to have a number of boys help make the invitations. It is the first to have 22 graduate by the end of the first semester and two already attending trade school in Vermilion."

The ceremony concluded with the traditional passing of the Crusader sword, Robyn Ockerman and Laryssa Cochrane making the presentation to Oliver Buck and Taylor Jenner.

Following a social hour, the class returned with their escorts for the grand march, dances with their escorts and parents or grandparents.

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County of St. Paul No. 19

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BYLAW NO. 1486

Notice is hereby given that the Council of the County of St. Paul No. 19 is considering **Bylaw No. 1533**, which is a Bylaw to amend Land Use Bylaw No. 1486, as it relates to the following:

Section 7.14 (5) to be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

"**(5)** A country residential use parcel shall not be less than 0.4 ha (1 ac) in size and not more than 8 ha (20 ac) in size. The total area of all single lot country residential use parcels on a quarter section, including the area of any fragmented parcel which is used for country residential purposes, shall not exceed the number of hectares indicated in Section 2.11 of the Municipal Development Plan or Section 7.14 (1) of the Land Use Bylaw. The only exceptions to this maximum size will be those cases in which:

(a) the subdivision is to separate an existing farmstead and additional area is required to include the existing farmyard. The farmyard shall include a garage, access, power pole, well, established shelter belts, barns, sheds, and substantial fences and corrals within the direct vicinity of the farm house; or

(b) the subdivision is to separate vacant land that has topographic constraints that make it logical to exceed the maximum size indicated in Section 2.11 of the Municipal Development Plan or Section 7.14 (1) of the Land Use Bylaw. However, a vacant country residential parcel shall not be expanded solely to provide access to a public road."

A **Public Hearing** will be held on **Tuesday, July 14, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.** or as soon thereafter as can possibly be arranged, at the County Office in St. Paul.

For further information, contact Linda Meger at the County Office at 780-645-3301, ext. 212.

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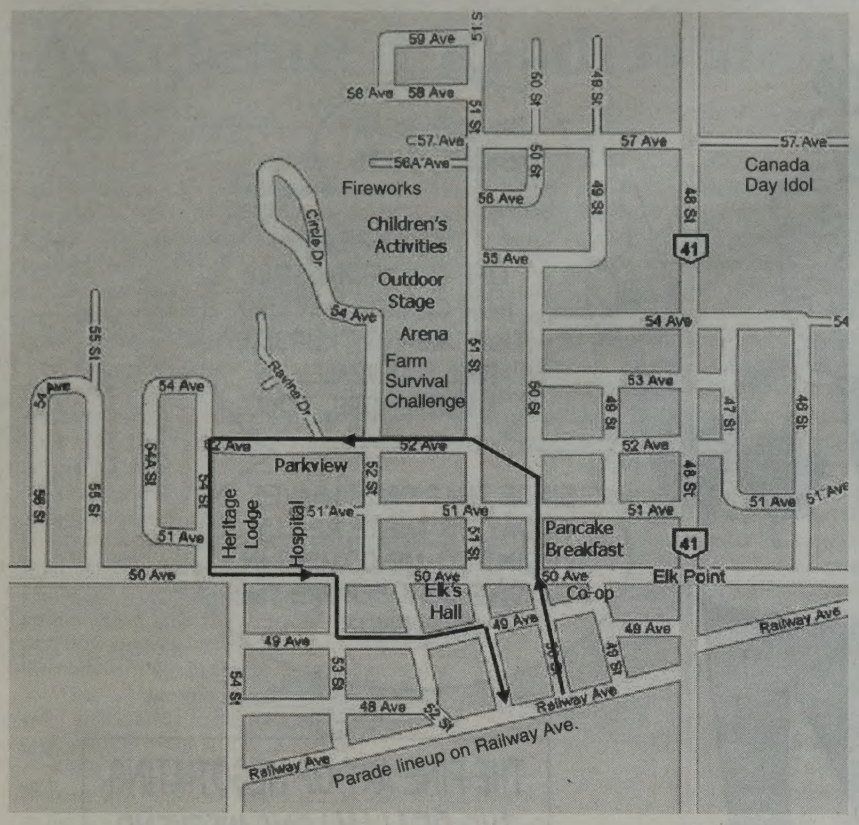

Canada Day at a glance

Here's a quick overview of Elk Point's Canada Day celebrations:

8 - 10:30 a.m.- Chamber of Commerce pancake breakfast, Servus Credit Union parking lot

10 a.m. - Parade lineup starts on Railway Ave., Judging begins 10:30 a.m., kids' bike parade judging 10:45 a.m.

11 a.m. - Parade

Noon - 3 p.m. - Elk Point Skating Club food booth in A. G. Ross Arena, Christian Community Church pie tent and Elk Point Allied Arts hot dog barbecue on the arena grounds, Ukrainian Dance Club ice cream and face painting near outdoor skating rink.

Noon - 4 p.m. - Elk Point Co-op fundraiser lunch for Elk Point Municipal Library, Co-op parking lot

1 - 3 p.m. - Outdoor stage show, Alberta Centennial Stage NW of A. G. Ross Arena. Yard Decorating awards will be presented and Canada Day birthday cake served during the stage show.

1 - 2 p.m. - Children's activities, outdoor skating rink north of A. G. Ross Arena

3 - 5 p.m. - Strong Man Competition, A. G. Ross Arena

4 - 6:30 p.m. - Elks Lodge beef-on-a-bun supper, Elks Hall

6:30 - 8 p.m. - Farm Survival Challenge, behind F. G. Miller High School

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. - Hot dog barbecue at Allied Arts and Leisure Centre

8:30 - 10:30 p.m. - Canada Day Idol, Arts and Leisure Centre

11 p.m. - Fireworks, north of A. G. Ross Arena.

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Business license bylaw sent to special meeting

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

Elk Point Town Council debated the new Business License Bylaw 671/09 as some length last Monday evening, but eventually decided it needed a meeting of its own to work out the details before giving second and third readings to the bylaw, which would set fees for various types of businesses that come to town to work, as well as businesses with premises in Elk Point.

"What about businesses that we don't have here, that come in to do work?" Coun. Bernice Capjack asked. "I think we should look at per day or per event licenses for them."

Coun. Dick Millar felt this was "a valid point. People phone (out of town businesses) because we don't have those services here." He also questioned how billing for licenses and fines is currently done, and suggested that guidelines "be laid out for the administration."

"We need to make it attractive to work here," said Deputy Mayor Mark Gormley, who was chairing his first-ever council meeting in the absence of Mayor Parrish Tung.

"I feel we need a special meeting to deal with this and the other bylaws," Coun. Dwayne Yaremkevich said, noting that bylaws pertaining to parking, signage and unsightly premises also need to be dealt with. Council set July 21 at 6 p.m. for the special meeting.

Alternative drainage

Council met with business owner Dwayne Vogel, who is the new owner of Truck-In 2000, regarding the purchase of a 20-foot slice of town property to the east side of the vehicle wash, which currently contains a drainage ditch. He has concerns with liability issues, and "would prefer to fill it in with a culvert and fill" for additional parking and vehicle access. He said it would need to be built to handle heavy traffic, but would only be able to be used for smaller vehicles because of low power lines. He acknowledged that the town would need to maintain access with an easement for utility purposes. "It would neaten it up, and the town wouldn't have to maintain it."

The public works committee was already aware of the proposal and had discussed it at their meeting, concluding that the idea was beneficial and would save work. Public works superintendent Jay Duffee is looking into costs of installing a culvert of adequate size to handle runoff and the required fill.

Economic development

Economic development coordinator Bob Bezpalko reported that the town's new website had 62,000 hits in May, with a good portion of those making an actual visit to the site. The report goes deeper and shows what pages are being accessed, he said.

With rock work underway at the new town entrance sign near Peter Fidler, Bezpalko suggested that more work is needed in that area. Ants have attacked the log benches, which will have to be removed or replaced. The flag poles may or may not be moved, depending on what is done with the old entrance sign.

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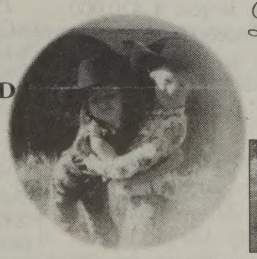

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Editorial

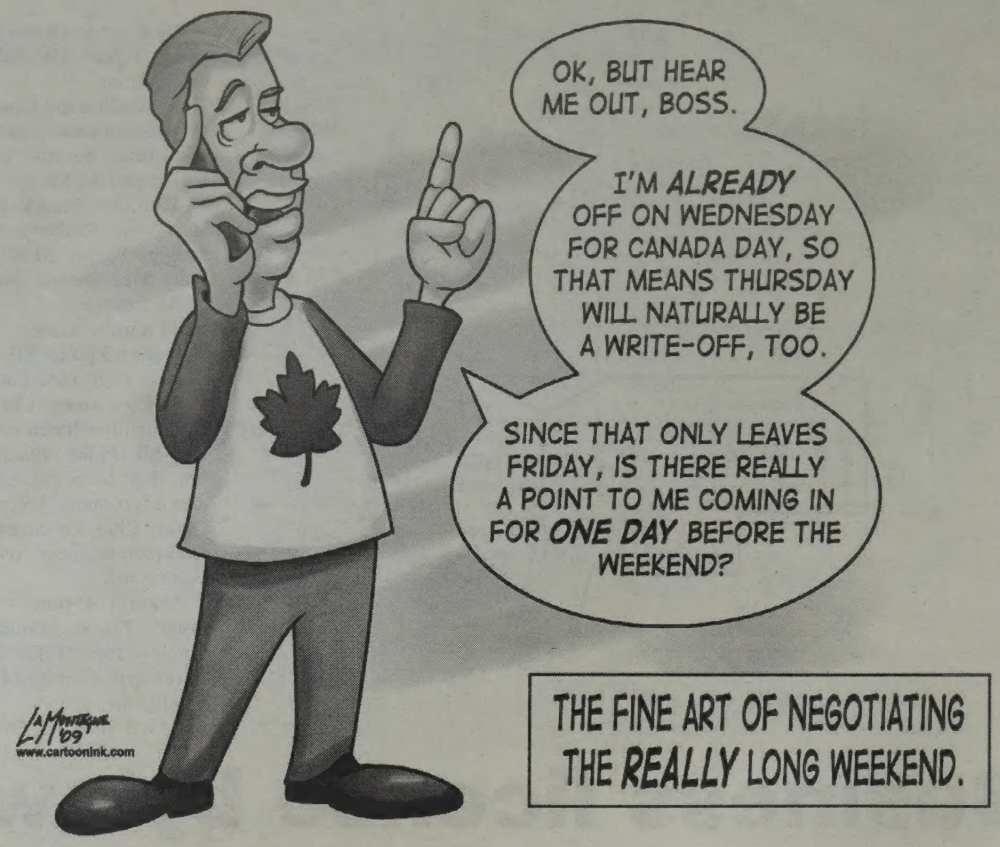
Politically incorrect

Until the news of Michael Jackson's demise last week, the big news on television and radio dealt with ill-advised remarks made by politicians.

Perhaps they are unaware that putting down mothers because they work outside the home, and making decidedly sexist comments aimed at teenage girls, won't win them any friends and garner them votes when next the voters go to the polls.

Perhaps they don't realize that many of the families where both parents work, do so out of necessity, rather than desire to get away from their children. Many of them feel bad enough already about leaving their children each day in someone else's care, without those in high places telling them they're harming their children by doing so. To tell a teenage girl that there is no equality is to crush her fragile ego, and possibly derail her plans for a productive and challenging future.

In a world where political correctness is continually stressed, politicians should really play by the rules.



Way Back When...

Stampede, school awards

Here's the news that made the headlines of the Lakeland Review and Elk Point Review for the week of June 30 in...

1984

The sun shone on Stoney Lake Stampede, where Maynard Swedgan tied with Kerry Van Metre of Provost for the bareback bronc riding win, with Darryl Wickham placing third, while Wendy Lorenson won the junior barrel racing and Conway Roscoe was the top male mutton buster. A grueling two-hour special meeting couldn't keep the town's mill rate at 1983 levels, but the resulting increase was only 0.161 mills for residential and 0.038 mills for non-residential property.

1989

Many former residents of Fishing Lake Métis Settlement came home for the celebration of the settlement's 50th anniversary, where MLA John Drobot presented settlement council chairman Bruce Desjarlais with a commemorative scroll and Alberta flag. With their school still under construction, staff and students of Elk Point Elementary School held their annual Awards Day on the outdoor Canada Day stage.

1994

Elk Point Elementary School's top achievers in both academic achievement and citizenship took home awards sponsored by 98-year-old Grace Franks, whose sister Mabel Dumont presented the awards. Town council agreed they needed hazardous waste guidelines, for both disposal and spill expense, after an oil spill of unknown origin was discovered in the town's sewage lagoon.

1999

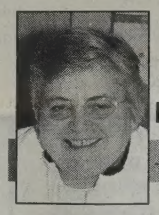
Thirteen groups in Elk Point, Heinsburg and surrounding areas were approved for a total of $87,894 in Community Lottery Board grants, the largest a $20,000 grant to the town to construct two soccer fields at the Recreation Park. All the windows at the Ukrainian Orthodox Church were smashed by vandals who headed out of town in a small "bubble shaped" auto.

2004

"The stars of the future" were in the spotlight at F. G. Miller at Prom 2004, where parents Terri Breen and Terry Shankowski "remembered when" and Alison Hammond and Kyla Ference gave the class history. David Chatters was declared elected in first federal election for the Westlock-St. Paul riding, and said he was, "very, very excited for this new riding."

Guest Column

Happy Birthday Canada!



deanna **EASTHOPE**
from the FCSS desk

Tomorrow is Wednesday, July 1st and it is Canada's 142nd birthday. We live in a great land and yes, it is a great opportunity to celebrate Canada on our country's birthday. Our national anthem outlines our feelings and wishes for our country. I will quote the first verse in our two official languages – English and French. The second, third and fourth verses are quoted in English.

O Canada! Our home and native land!
O Canada! Terre de nos aïeux
True patriot love in all thy sons command.
Ton front est ceint de fleurons glorieux!
With glowing hearts we see thee rise the True North, strong and free
Car ton bras sait porter l'épée, il sait porter la croix!
From far and wide, O Canada, We stand on guard for thee.
Ton histoire est une épopée Des plus brilliants exploits.
God keep our land Glorious and free!
Et ta valeur, de foi trempée,
O Canada we stand on guard for thee,
Protégera nos foyers et nos droits,
O Canada we stand on guard for thee,
Protégera nos foyers et nos droits,

O Canada! Where pines and maples grow,
Great prairies spread and lordly rivers flow.
How dear to us thy broad domain,
From east to western sea!
Thou land of hope for all who toil!
Thou True North strong and free.

O Canada! Beneath thy shining skies
May stalwart sons and gentle maidens rise
To keep thee steadfast through the years
From east to western sea,
Our own beloved native land,
Our True North strong and free!

Ruler supreme Who hearest humble pray'r
Hold our Dominion in thy loving care.
Help us to find, O God; in thee
A lasting rich reward,
As waiting for the better day,
We ever stand on guard.

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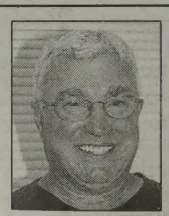
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Accelerated Readers delight in school staff stick-up

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

Elk Point Elementary School's Grade 2 to 6 students who read a total of 5,998 books and received marks of 85 per cent or better on quizzes about them earned sufficient feet of duct tape to stick five of the school's teachers and teacher aides to the gym walls last Wednesday.

Librarian Diane Dewan, who said the books amount to a massive 52,116,225 words, reported that EPE's total comes to "about 60 per cent of our school division's tests. And, 92 per cent of our students participated. Awesome!" One student earned 43 strips of duct tape, each representing five points earned for the successful completion of a book quiz. Grade 2 students earned three points for each successful quiz.

As their fellow staff cut strip after strip of tape, Grade 2 representative Miss Morris, Grade 3's Ms Adkins, Grade 4's Mrs. Bilak, Grade 5's Mr. Boyd and Grade 6's Miss Dubeau climbed on milk crates and the Duct Tape Challenge began. Qualifying students added strip after strip to securely fasten the staff to the cement block walls as fellow students the school's two ECS classes, seated in the middle of the gym, cheered the tapers on.

When all the tape was finally in place, the milk crates were pulled away and the countdown to see how long the staff members would stay in mid-air.

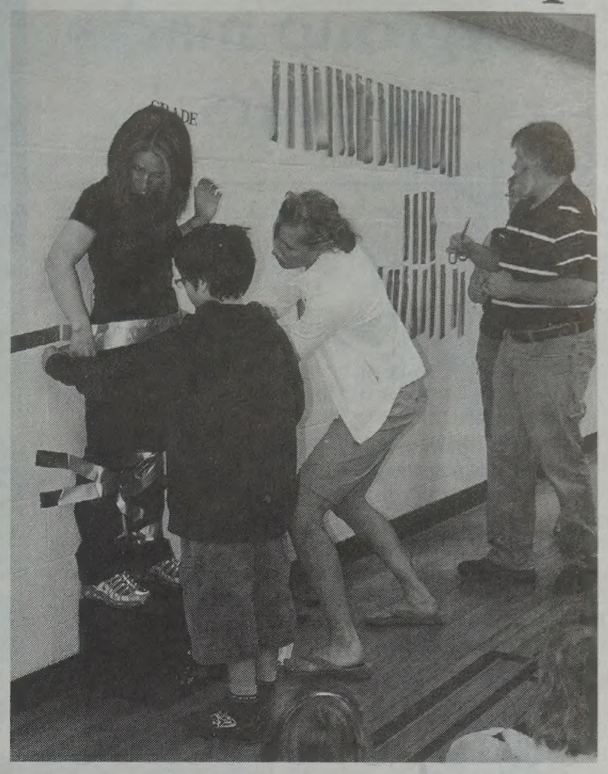
While Mrs. Bilak hung in there for quite a while, Miss Dubeau was the room representative that stayed fastened to the wall the longest, to the delight of the Grade 6 tape crew.

The students will be eager to get right back to reading come September, because Dewan announced during the contest that she had gone book shopping the previous Monday, with a list provided by the Grade 5A students, and had brought back over $1,000 in new books.

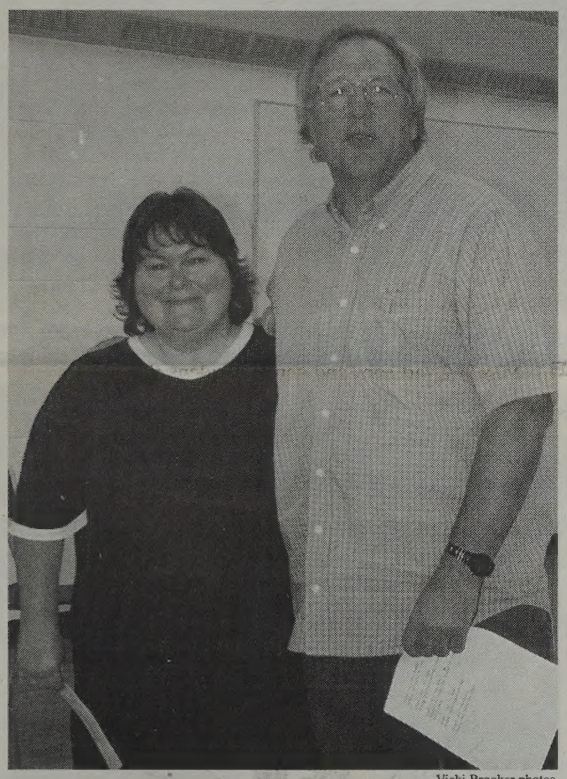
Retiring teacher Rick Bilak, who was honoured prior to the challenge with a power-point presentation chronicling his years of teaching, said he felt that "one of the best things I've seen come to Elk Point Elementary is the Accelerated Reader program. I saw the school become a community of readers, and the reading scores improve."

Bilak was so impressed with the results that he donated $250 to the Accelerated Reading program to assist with the purchase of additional books.

Bilak thanked the creators of the power point, which showed him as a beginning teacher in High Level, then later in Lafond and Elk Point, as well as his marriage and the arrival of a daughter and son, his hobbies and sports interests. "It's very strange to watch your life projected onto a screen and to share it with 200-plus people," he noted. "I have a lot of good memories of Elk Point Elementary. It's a great school with great kids surrounded by a great group of teachers and support staff."



Teachers Sandra Ockerman and Wayne Hmanyk assist a student with the challenging task of affixing Ms Adkins to the gym wall, using the numerous strips of duct tape the student earned through successfully completing tests on Accelerated Reader books.



Vicki Brooker photos

Retiring teacher Rick Bilak delighted school librarian Diane Dewan with a $250 donation to be used for more Accelerated Reader books.

NOTICE

County of St. Paul No. 19

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO LAND USE BYLAW NO. 1485

Notice is hereby given that the Council of the County of St. Paul No. 19 is considering **Bylaw No. 1532**, which is a Bylaw to amend Land Use Bylaw No. 1486, as it relates to the following:

Sections – 8.3 COUNTRY RESIDENTIAL ONE (CR1) DISTRICT.

Amend Section 4, Regulations, Subsection 5(c) to read as follows so that the wording is consistent with subsection 5(b):

(5) Recreational Vehicles

(c) Notwithstanding Subsections (a) and (b) above, no development permit shall be required for the placement of two (2) recreational vehicles on a lot for any time period, provided that that recreational vehicle remains mobile, and has no accessory buildings or structures associated with it.

A **Public Hearing** will be held on **Tuesday, July 14, 2009 at 10:30 a.m.** or as soon thereafter as can possibly be arranged, at the County Office in St. Paul.

For further information, contact the County Office at 780-645-3301, ext. 213.

Glenn Zayac, Development Authority
County of St. Paul No. 19
5015-49 Avenue, St. Paul, AB., T0A 3A4

ERCB Energy Resources Conservation Board

640 – 5 Avenue SW Calgary, Alberta T2P 3G4

NOTICE OF HEARING
PROCEEDING NO. 1612996
CANADIAN NATURAL RESOURCES LIMITED
ELIZA FIELD

The Energy Resources Conservation Board (ERCB/Board) will hold a public hearing of Proceeding No. 1612996 at the Centennial Seniors Citizens Centre, 5114 – 49 Street, St. Paul, Alberta, commencing on **September 16, 2009,** at 9:00 a.m. All interveners to this proceeding must be present at the commencement of the hearing to register their appearance.

Description of the Proceeding

On January 13, 2009, the Energy Resources Conservation Board (ERCB) approved Application No. 1593086 and issued Well Licence No. 0407710 to Canadian Natural Resources Limited (CNRL) in accordance with Section 2.020 of the *Oil and Gas Conservation Regulation.* The licence was for the drilling of a single well to obtain crude bitumen with 0 per cent hydrogen sulphide from the Sparky Formation from a surface location at Legal Subdivision 2, Section 7, Township 56, Range 7, West of the 4th Meridian. The nearest urban centre is the Town of Elk Point, located about 10 kilometres northeast of the well. The well was drilled between February 6 and 8, 2009.

On January 19, 2009, the ERCB received a letter from an affected party requesting that the Board conduct a review hearing relating to Well Licence No. 0407710, pursuant to Section 40 of the *Energy Resources Conservation Act.* The ERCB registered this request as Application No. 1605564.

On April 28, 2009, the ERCB granted the request for a review hearing and registered the hearing as Proceeding No. 1612996. The purpose of the review hearing is to determine whether the Board should confirm, vary, or rescind its decision to grant Well Licence No. 0407710.

To obtain a copy of the Application, contact
Canadian Natural Resources Limited, c/o EnerLaw LLP, 800, 640 – 8 Avenue SW, Calgary, Alberta T2P 1G7, Attention: Patrick J. McGovern; Telephone: 403-303-9133; Fax: 403-303-9159

To view a copy of the Application and documents filed in support of the Application, contact
ERCB Information Services, Main floor, 640 - 5 Avenue SW, Calgary, Alberta T2P 3G4; Telephone: 403-297-8311 (Option 2); Viewing hours: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
ERCB Bonnyville Field Centre, 5903 – 51A Street, Bonnyville, Alberta T9N 2G4; Telephone: 780-826-5352

Requirement to File a Submission

If you have an interest in this matter and wish to make submissions or submit evidence at the hearing of the Application, you must file submissions with respect to this Application even if you have previously filed a submission with the Board or with Canadian Natural Resources Ltd. on this Application. Submissions must include photocopies of all documentary evidence that you intend to present and/or rely on at the hearing (including, but not limited to, copies of expert reports) and a summary of all evidence you intend to present.

If you do not file submissions, the hearing of the Application may be cancelled without further notice.

How to File a Submission

Any party intending to make submissions with respect to the hearing of the Application must file on or before 4:00 p.m., **August 28, 2009.** Send one copy of your submission to the applicant at the name and address above and ten copies to
Greg McLean, Application Coordinator, Applications Branch, Facilities Applications Group, Energy Resources Conservation Board, 640 - 5 Avenue SW, Calgary, Alberta T2P 3G4

Contents of a Submission

Under Section 24(2) of the *Energy Resources Conservation Board Rules of Practice* (Rules of Practice), any submission filed must contain the following:

(a) a concise statement indicating
  (i) the manner in which the intervener's rights may be directly and adversely affected by a decision of the Board on the proceeding,
  (ii) the nature and scope of the intervener's intended participation,
  (iii) the disposition of the proceeding that the intervener advocates, if any,
  (iv) the facts the intervener proposes to show in evidence,
  (v) the reasons why the intervener believes the Board should decide in the manner that the intervener advocates, and
  (vi) the intervener's efforts, if any, to resolve issues associated with the proceeding directly with the applicant;
(b) the name, address in Alberta, telephone number, fax number and, if available, e-mail address of the intervener;
(c) if the intervener is represented by a representative, the name, address in Alberta, telephone number, fax number and, if available, e-mail address of the representative; and
(d) if the intervener is an unincorporated organization, the nature of the intervener's membership.

Compensation Issues

Submissions relating exclusively to compensation for land usage are not dealt with by the ERCB and should be referred to the Alberta Surface Rights Board.

Applications for Confidentiality

In accordance with Section 13 of the Rules of Practice, all documents filed in respect of this proceeding must be placed on the public record. However, any party may apply for confidentiality of information under Section 13(2). Any application under Section 13(2) that is to be considered during a public hearing of the application must be copied to the other parties to the proceeding. The Board may grant a request for confidentiality on any terms it considers appropriate, subject to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.*

Questions of Constitutional Law

In accordance with Section 25 of the Rules of Practice, a person who intends to raise a question of constitutional law before the Board must give notice in accordance with Section 12 of the *Administrative Procedures and Jurisdiction Act* and its regulation.

For information about ERCB procedures, contact
Applications Branch, Facilities Applications Group, Attention: Greg McLean; Telephone: 403-297-3232; Fax: 403-297-4117; E-mail: greg.mclean@ercb.ca

Issued at Calgary, Alberta, on June 24, 2009.

Patricia M. Johnston, Q.C., General Counsel

Parent and Tot Playgroup marks 30 years

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

A group that started as Elk Point Parent Nursery is alive and thriving 30 years later as the Elk Point Parent and Tot Playgroup, with this past year having possibly the largest attendance ever.

President Tammy Klatt said 20 families with a total of 39 children registered for the full year, while another 34 families, with 52 children, attended on a drop-in basis.

"We averaged 20 to 30 kids per week. It's been a phenomenal year."

Klatt says the weekly Playgroup sessions, held for the past four years at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church after many years in Elk Point United Church, "are a great time for the kids and parents to socialize and get together." She credits Mona McGinnis at the Health Unit for helping to get the word out about the group, which is also advertised on the town's website.

The Playgroup wound up their 2008-09 season at the Klatt Ranch southwest of Elk Point, where Tammy and Daryl and their daughters offered a variety of activities as well as visits to the horses, sheep, donkeys, potbellied pigs, peacocks and other birds, bunnies and fish, topped off with a barbecue lunch and other country-style fun.

A large group of parents and tots enjoyed a day of fun on the farm last week when they visited the rural home of Tammy and Daryl Klatt. Above, the group poses for a year-end photo in the Klatts' beautiful front yard.

At left, Daryl introduces the youngsters to his friendly horses and donkeys.

At bottom right, young visitors and one of the moms make friends with a pair of potbellied pigs.

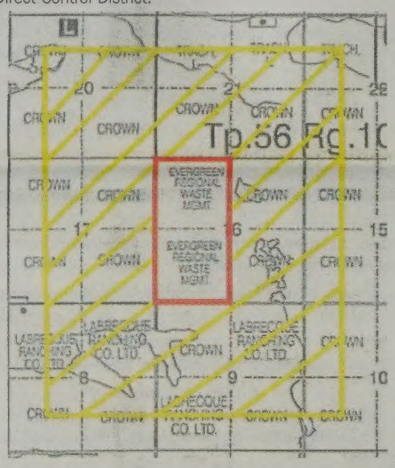
Talented mom Margaret Bayduza created a very special cake for the anniversary.

Vicki Brooker photos

NOTICE

COUNTY OF ST. PAUL NO. 19

Notice is hereby given that the Council of the County of St. Paul No. 19 is considering Bylaw No. 1531, which is a Bylaw to amend Land Use Bylaw No. 1486, as it relates to designating the area in yellow as a Direct Control District:



8.11 DIRECT CONTROL DISTRICT (DC)

1. GENERAL PURPOSE

To enable and permit Council to regulate and control the use, development and subdivision of land or buildings in any such manner as Council may by resolution consider necessary, in an area designated as a Direct Control District on Land Use District Map in Part Ten of this Bylaw.

2. APPLICATION

Council shall consider the application and designation of Direct Control Districts to those specific sites or area of the County where:

(a) development regulation and control by means of the other Land Use Districts provided for in this Bylaw may be inappropriate or inadequate having regard to existing or future developments and to the interests of the applicant, the County and the Evergreen Regional Waste Management Services Commission, the public generally; or

(b) an approved statutory plan for the area could be more effectively implemented through the application of a Direct Control District; or

(c) a proposed development is of a unique form or nature not contemplated or reasonably regulated by another Land Use District provided for in this Bylaw.

3. USES AND REQUIREMENTS

Council shall decide on all development permit applications. The determination of appropriate uses and applicable development requirements within an area designated as a Direct Control District shall be as approved by Council when considering any particular development permit application. An application for development may be refused approval with or without conditions. Council may require any and all information it deems necessary to make a proper decision.

A Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, July 14, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can possibly be arranged, at the County Office in St. Paul.

For further information, contact Linda at
780-645-3301, ext 212.
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Elk Point Elementary rewards top achievers

Isabel Myshaniuk (left) and Bernice Capjack presented the Grace Franks Awards to: Grade 3A – Morgan Baker, Jaden Plaska; 3B – Kira Brunner; 4A – Olivia Rose Leaf, Vanessa Ockerman; 4B – Karlee Rinas; 5A – Ashton Ewasiuk; 5B – Shelby Berg, Marissa McFarlane; 6A – Kassandra Moores, Carson Tung; 6B – Shae Rinas.

Academic Honours went to: Grade 5A - Ashton Ewasiuk, Madison Ference, Hannah Ludlage, Colin Nazarchuk, Jesse Theriault, Spencer Young; 5B – Shelby Berg, Samuel Feero, Carson Ference, Marissa McFarlane, Rosie Sam; 6A – Tristan Delorme, Brooke Gormley, Kassandra Moores, Kevin Tuliao, Carson Tung, Rachael Walton, Faith Ziomek; 6B – Alexis Bristow, David Cleland, Sulina Clennett, Brittney Ference, Jessy Frisby, Justice Hayman, Shae Rinas, Kelly Sam, Ryleigh Trotchie.

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

"The students of this school are in a class of their own," Principal Lorne Young told Friday's Awards Day gathering of proud parents, grandparents and siblings. "They have exceptional citizenship and academic learning skills and are the future of this town, this province and this country."

Awards Day, which included students in Grades 3 to 6, and which started with Grade 4 student Olivia Rose Leaf singing 'O Canada,' "is an important day for us," Young said, "and the more parents here to support us, the better."

St. Paul Education Regional Division Board chair Darrell Younghans said the large attendance "speaks volumes about the community's support. Both the parents and the teachers and school staff have set good examples for these students. And I thank you for your commitment toward molding good citizens." *(Continued on PAge 11)*

St. Paul Education Regional Division No. 1 board chairman Darrell Younghans presented the Grade 6 Academic Award to Carson Tung.

Citizenship awards to: (above) Grade 3A – D. J. Drobot, Ashley Knopp, Brody Odgaard; 3B – Thayne Bernhardt-Sasseville, Dana Gibson, Kirsten MacDonald, Caleb Popiel; 4A – Bowen Krider, Taylor Pankiw; 4B – Dawson Delorme, Savannah Lawrence, Kelly Raymond; (below) 5A – Ashley Bristow, Madison Ference, Colin Nazarchuk, Todd Tilley, Spencer Young; 5B – Shelby Berg, Carson Ference, Leanna Gibson, Clarissa Gusnowski, Sydney Hardcastle, Madison MacDonald, Marissa McFarlane, Bryce Osinchuk, Rosie Sam; 6A – Tamelle Pilisko, Tristen Redwood, Kevin Tuliao; 6B – Brandon Garrett, Kelly Sam Ryleigh Trotchie

Academic Honours award winners were: Grade 3A - Morgan Baker, Isaiah Barber, D. J. Drobot, Spencer Hardcastle, Brody Odgaard, Jaden Plaska; 3B – Kira Brunner. Lyon Cueva, Brayden Fairbairn, Warren Ference, Hannah Ganske, Dana Gibson, Kirsten MacDonald, Nolan Vogel; 4A – Olivia Rose Leaf, Vanessa Ockerman, Tristan Pinder, Siobhan Richer, Eric Stuparyk, Austin Young; 4B – Noah Barber, Christopher Boratynec, Renae Cameron, Amy Harms, Dylan Odgaard, Kelly Raymond, Karlee Rinas, Austin Stafford, Hayley Vinge, Skylar Wowk.

Joanne and Ed Bespalko were on hand to present the annual Bespalko Memorial Awards to four Grade 3 and 5 students who excelled in athletic participation, leadership ability and sportsmanship. This year's recipients were (front, left to right) Brody Odgaard and Dana Gibson, (back, left to right) Colin Nazarchuk and Hannah Ludlage. Phys Ed teacher Rob Boyd adds his congratulations.

Last '09 Squirt report from the dugout

Mona Bristow photo

Elk Point Squirt Pumas 2009: (back row, left to right) Glenda Bristow, Tamelle Pilisko, Marissa McFarlane, Amy Harms, Kassandra Moores, Jesse Therieult, Cassandra Glambeck, Madison MacDonald, Ruby Boratynec; (front, left to right) Ashley Bristow, Hannah Ludlage, Alexis Bristow, Shae Rinas, Hayley Vinge, Karlee Rinas, Olivia Leaf.

By Glenda Bristow
Elk Point Squirt Pumas

The season has come to an end and as a coach; I will be lost every Monday and Wednesday night for a couple of weeks, suffering practice and game withdrawals. Fourteen talented Puma girls had an excellent season filled with wins, losses and most importantly, great memories and new skills. I hope to see them again next year as a stronger team.

On Saturday, June 20, the Squirt Pumas had their year-end tournament. It was a little touch-and-go with the early morning rain but it turned out to be a beautiful ball day. The first game was played against the Bonnyville team. The girls in blue came out strong on the bats, hitting off their pitcher, Marissa McFarlane, Hayley Vinge, Cassandra Glambeck and Madison MacDonald starting the hitting streak with singles. The game soon turned into a pitchers' duel, our Hannah Ludlage against the Bonnyville second pitcher. Great defense made the game exciting. Kassandra Moores made some great catches at first base. Nothing got past Shae "Stretch" Rinas at shortstop and Ashley Bristow at second base. Both equally matched teams, unfortunately falling short, the girls in blue moved down to the consolation draw.

In their second game the Pumas came across Kikino. Again, another hitting game and great defense, the Rinas sisters both catching infield fly balls. A home run by Shae "Stretch" Rinas, single hits by Amy Harms, Jesse Therieult, and Tamelle Pilisko. Alexis Bristow at shortstop and Olivia Leaf at third base had a lot of action during this game, making several plays to first base. This was a barn-burner of a game, ending up tied after the time limit, pushing the game to another inning. Getting ahead with three runs in during our bat, the Pumas took the field for Kikino had the home advantage. Parents and fans cheered while sitting at the edge of their seats. Tough break for the girls as Kikino got the one run in ahead of us. Nothing dampened the Pumas' spirits for they still had that amazing lively cheer at the end. Great job, Pumas.

A learning year for girls and coaches, the next one will be just as fun. Until then, see you at the ball diamonds.

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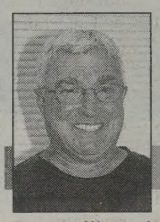
Mosquito boys could be future Sox



doug **BASSETT**
Review Sports

I've had this feeling that one day these little guys will be playing with the Sox. It's still a few years away, but I've watched them at practice and a few of their home games and these guys are keen to play.

The Mosquitoes traveled to Lac La Biche on this past Saturday to play in the Lakeland league finals. The teams were divided into two pools; Elk Point was in a pool with Bonnyville and Goodfish.

Bonnyville was a team the boys had beaten just a week earlier and they had an early lead in this game, but lost a close one in the final inning. Goodfish, on the other hand, is one of the stronger teams in the league and didn't have much trouble defeating the Elk Point boys, but the important thing is they played well, had fun and learned new skills that they will carry on with them next season.

With the new pitching rules in place, only two innings allowed per game per pitcher and four innings on the day the coaching staff had quite a job juggling the bullpen to work it out so they would have enough pitching if they made it to the finals. The theory is that coaches will have to develop more pitching and in the long run this will be better for the game of baseball.

And now for the K.A. Campbell quote of the week. "Speed is decidedly bad qualification for pitching unless accuracy goes with it." Last week's answer to: "Baseball is pitching, fundamentals, and three-run homers." - Earl Weaver. Do you have any scoops? Now you can email them to sportshound007@hotmail.com

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Disaster declared

By Janice Huser
Review Contributor

On June 23 the County of St. Paul held a special meeting to discuss the current drought situation plaguing much of the province. In the end, council chose to declare a state of agricultural disaster.

In the past weeks, many other municipalities in the region have also declared states of agricultural disaster. Yesterday, a decision regarding whether or not the region as a whole would declare a state of agricultural disaster was expected to be made.

Although there has been some rainfall as of late, the majority of the county did not receive adequate amounts of rain, explained Reeve Robert Bouchard.

"The little bit we got just isn't going to be enough," said Bouchard at the special meeting.

He added, "It probably would be appropriate to declare we have a state of agricultural disaster out there." All councillors agreed.

Coun. Alphonse Corbiere then brought up the issue of grasshoppers. Coun. Frank Sloan agreed, stating he has personally seen a lot of grasshoppers lately. The issue of a lack of feed for cattle also came up.

"There are no areas to get feed," said Sloan, who then made a motion to declare a state of agricultural disaster because of drought.

"These are special times," said Coun. Glen Ockerman. "These are distress times."

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Big bike collects big bucks

Just one short of a full load of riders piled onto the Alberta Heart and Stroke Foundation's Big Bike on Thursday and toured the town, after collecting more than $5,200 in pledges, well above the $5,000 goal set by team captain Rick Peters. Dwayne Vogel was the top fundraiser. Proceeds go toward heart and stroke research.

Busy June at Heritage Lodge

By Heather Paquette
Review Contributor

June was a busy month as we pursued our travels and cringed with the cold weather. Hasn't it turned out beautiful now, though! Four seniors rode the van to attend the town and county's Seniors' Week pancake breakfast at the Seniors' Recreation Centre. We again took the van with nine residents and several volunteers to "Let Him Sleep 'til it's Time for His Funeral." Presented by the Allied Arts Society. As I sat among the chuckles and chortles I know a really great time was had by all. Don Conrad and all the others in the choir, you are great!

We had to say a tearful goodbye to Marci, our work experience/volunteer who was with us almost every day since last September. Her work experience was completed in December but she loved coming to the Lodge so much that she continued on as a volunteer. She will be sorely missed.

Although 10 residents signed up for the Stoney Lake Farmers' Day Picnic, only three adventuresome souls came with us. We had a wonderful lunch, visited with old and new friends and listened to some great music. It was a good outing.

On Father's Day, we watched Bill Cosby's 49 and talked about the "joys" of aging – we could all relate to that. This was followed by our Father's Day Barbecue. The kitchen staff always goes all out for or special events!

The musical entertainment this month was performed by Jon and Gloria, Country Playboys, Babe Sharkey, Roy, Clayton and the 3 Js.

In July, we look forward to the Canada Day parade and festivities, show and tell and armchair travel to Africa July 9, the Saskatoon Festival July 18, the Vermilion parade and fair July 23, and our yard sale on July 24, for which we are accepting donations. Volunteers will join us for the Walk and Talk program on July 2, 16 and 30. Lori and Daniel will be back from holidays to join us for card bingos.

Entertainment in July will be performed by John and Gloria on July 23 and Roy, Clayton and the 3 Js on July 25. I am still working on finding more entertainment.

We are looking for more active members with the Auxiliary. Members could be residents, family members of residents or interested parties. Please cal Heather at 780-724-4449 for info.

OBITUARY

GARNETT-BENNETT
W.H. (Len)
Jan. 10, 1936-June 29, 2009

After a brief illness, Len passed away peacefully at St. Therese Health Centre, St. Paul, with his family at his side.

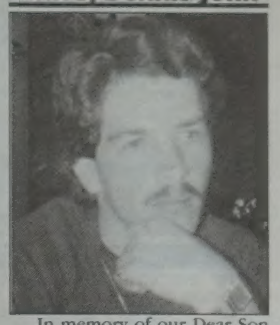
He leaves to mourn his passing, his loving wife, Mary; dear daughter, Martha; dear son, David (Amoré); & grandchildren, Cameron, Zéa & Reilly. He is also survived by many family members in South Africa, the land of his birth.

At his request, cremation will take place & there will be no memorial or funeral service. Anyone wishing to do so, may donate to S.T.A.R.S. or Haying in the 30's (Cancer Support) c/o Box 425, St. Paul, AB T0A 3A0.

Yewchin's Funeral Chapel Ltd. St. Paul. 1-780-645-5177.

IN MEMORIAM

BERG, Dennis John



In memory of our Dear Son and Brother, Dennis John Berg, who passed away on July 2, 1998.

This day is remembered, and quietly kept,
No words are needed, we shall never forget.
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A voice we loved is stilled,
A place is vacant in our home
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But those we love don't go away,
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And as we sleep and our minds are at rest,
You come to our dreams and visit awhile.
It is there we can hug you, share a laugh,
Or just see you smile.
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The morning wound up with the presentation of the Grace Franks Awards, presented by Isabel Myshaniuk, niece of the late Mrs. Franks. Recipients were chosen by a group of teachers for their high academic standing and their outstanding characteristics of citizenship.

Excellence in science, French and music was honoured earlier with presentations in individual classrooms.

Science Awards of Excellence went to: Grade 3 – Morgan Baker, Jaden Plaska; Grade 4 – Jasper Nelson, Dylan Odgaard, Christopher Boratynec, Hayley Vinge and Austin Stafford; Grade 5 – Jesse Theriault, Ashton Ewasiuk, Carson Ference; Grade 6 – Jackson Kjenner, Kelly Sam.

Music awards went to: Grade 4 – Christopher Boratynec, Dawson Delorme, Savannah Lawrence, Olivia Rose Leaf, Vanessa Ockerman, Tristan Pinder, Siobhan Richer, Karlee Rinas, Eric Stuparyk, Hayley Vinge, Skylar Wowk; Grade 5 – Shelby Berg, Ashley Bristow, Ashton Ewasiuk, Leanna Gibson, Clarissa Gusnowski, Sydney Hardcastle, Hannah Ludlage, Marissa McFarlane, Bryce Osinchuk, Rosie Sam, Jesse Theriault, Spencer Young; Grade 6 – Brittney Ference, Brooke Gormley, Kassandra Moores, Shae Rinas, Kelly Sam, Ryleigh Trotchie, Carson Tung, Rachael Walton, Faith Ziomek.

French award recipients were: Grade 4A – Hailey Berlinguette, Colton Cardinal, Kristy Krawchuk, Olivia Rose Leaf, Jasper Nelson, Tristan Pinder, Cheyenne Wruth, Chansie Botting, Tia Dore, Bowen Krider, Mathew McAnally, Vanessa Ockerman, Siobhan Richer, Austin Young, Bailey Brooks, Daniel Jacula, Mallory Krider, Ramsey Mudryk, Taylor Pankiw, Eric Stuparyk; 4B – Noah Barber, Amy Harms, Dylan Odgaard, Dylan Schell, Skylar Wowk, Christopher Boratynec, Savannah Lawrence, Jewel Poitras, Austin Stafford, Dimitri Wozniak, Renae Cameron, Moira McFarlane, Karlee Rinas, Hayley Vinge; 5A – Brian Bazian, Ashton Ewasiuk, Kayla Goertzen, Colin Nazarchuk, Spencer Young, Ashley Bristow, Madison Ference, Hannah Ludlage, Kaylee Poitras, Chavez Drobot, Theo Ganske, Matthew Mohyluk, Jesse Theriault; 5B – Shelby Berg, Carson Ference, Sydney Hardcastle, Marissa McFarlane, Shawn Bzowy, Leanna Gibson, Madison MacDonald, Bryce Osinchuk, Samuel Feero, Clarissa Gusnowski, Alyssa Maltais, Rosie Sam; Grade 6A – Brandon Bourne, Terrance Gadwa, Jalynne Mountain, Kevin Tuliao, Brycen White, Cormac Crawford, Brooke Gormley, Tamelle Pilisko, Carson Tung, Nathan Yarmuch, Tristan Delorme, Kassandra Moores, Tristen Redwood, Rachael Walton, Faith Ziomek; 6B – Edna Boorse, Sulina Clennett, Justice Hayman, Morgan Nelson, Vikram Sidhu, Alexis Bristow, Brittney Ference, Wyatt Heathcote, Shae Rinas, Ryleigh Trotchie, David Cleland, Jessy Frisby, Tiana Kowalchuk, Kelly Sam, Corey Wozniak.

Business license bylaw

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The current sign, with the Alberta 75th Anniversary logo, could potentially have the damaged planter portion removed and replaced with rocks, similar to the new sign. Solar spotlights for the new sign and also for Peter Fidler are being considered, Bezpalko said.

Bezpalko also suggested a turn-around area for the many vehicles that stop to visit the statue, and Coun. Capjack added that a guest book made weatherproof by a metal cover might be a good addition to the area.

Regional water system

Decision on a proposed regional water system was also tabled.

"We have to go through the report before we accept anything," Coun. Yaremkevich said. "Mayor Tung analyzed the report and sent us e-mails, but until we get everything clarified, all we can do is accept the report.

"We have to go to the people before we can make a decision," Coun. Capjack added. "They need to be informed."

Coun. Millar noted that the suggestion of forming a water commission was "after the fact. The county is prepared to be part of a commission with Elk Point, but the Town of St. Paul doesn't want to. They saw no benefit in joining it."

Later in the meeting, council agreed to purchase a new river pump as recommended by the public works committee, to replace one currently being rented at $1,300 per week. A second quote is to be obtained before the purchase is made, in compliance with town policy. Council felt this pump would still be useful even if they go with the regional water system, for such uses as filling the reservoir at the golf course with untreated water.

Construction concession

Elk Point residents who started building their home in 2007 have questioned their tax bill, because they thought the tax-free concession covered two years from the date construction began. However, the concession covers the calendar year construction starts and the calendar year that follows.

Animal control

Elk Point does not have an animal control officer at this time, but the town office is getting calls regarding animals at large and animal bites. Council agreed that being without an animal control officer was considered "totally unacceptable," and the matter was added to the agenda for the July 21 special meeting.

Grave cover

Regulations regarding the installation of grave covers were discussed. In 1999 a motion was passed that these covers would be permitted if a spouse with one of those covers were already in the plot. The covers increase maintenance time for the public works crew because they tend to sink and sag. The person who requested the information will be advised regarding the bylaw that is currently in effect.

Grazing lease

A five-year renewal on a current grazing lease was agreed to, at the same rate as the current lease.

Pavement patching

Paving the alley beside the post office, near the new fire hall and patching of needed areas was approved, with the sources of funding specified by council for each area. Two business property owners adjacent to the alley will be contacted to see if they wish to have portions of their property paved at the same time.

The alley behind Fort George Manor is to be piled immediately as recommended by the public works committee.

Used dump truck

The public works superintendent was given the authority to make a refundable $5,000 deposit in order to get used dump trucks brought in for

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Mortarboards go flying in a traditional salute to the end of the Class of 2009's high school years at F. G. Miller.

Robyn Ockerman (right) and Laryssa Cochrane pass the symbolic Crusader sword to Oliver Buck and Taylor Jenner, representatives of the Class of 2010.

Two special guests came back to be part of the Class of 2009 ceremonies: former French teacher Lily Pentek, above, who gave the invocation, and former classmate Eric Mosley, who served as MC, below.

Valedictorian Nicole Kalynchuk spoke on the "scary, but pretty exciting" experience of graduating and the members of the Class of 2009 going their separate ways in the near future.

A star studded night for FGM's Class of 2009

The tradition of presenting an eagle feather to graduates as a sign of accomplishment in life was brought to F. G. Miller by Frog Lake Board of Education chair Melvin Abraham, above left, who made the presentation to Tyson Bristow and Billy Hudy, and Glenda Bristow from St. Paul Education Regional Division No. 1 Central Office, who made the presentation to Skye Dion-McFeeters on behalf of Kehewin Cree Nation. Four Métis students (not shown), Lori-Ann Durocher, Skye Durocher, Cody Ironeagle and Colin Calliou were presented with traditional Métis sashes and gifts by Dawn Deschamps and Ross Daniels of Fishing Lake Settlement.